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For over a year, Rep. Slaughter has been at the forefront of the Democratic Party's efforts to reform the way business is conducted in Congress, and to eliminate the common undemocratic and unethical practices that have produced damaging legislation throughout the 109th Congress.

The cover of Rep. Slaughter's report America for Sale

To this end, the Congresswoman recently released a dramatic new 118-page report entitled America for Sale. The work presents the first comprehensive review and analysis of the major ethics scandals which have shaken Washington during

the last five years, and reveals how deep the culture of corruption nurtured by leaders in Washington goes. America for Sale also links this corruption to the lives of average citizens, explaining the damaging consequences of the unjustifiable bills that are all too often passed by Congress.

"This report explains why all Americans should be upset about the culture of corruption that has developed under the Republican Congress and the Bush White House," Rep. Slaughter said. "It shows how the unprecedented levels of corruption in our legislative process and in our federal government are not just an "Inside the Beltway" problem."

To read America for Sale in its entirety, [click here](#).

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- Rep. Slaughter's Badge and Uniform Security Act Goes into Effect

Rep. Slaughter recently joined Chief Gerald Pickering of the Town of Webster Police Department and representatives of the Xerox Corporation to announce the passage of the Congresswoman's Badge and Uniform Security and Trustworthiness (BUST) Act.

Rep. Slaughter authored the BUST Act in response to a tragic August, 2003 shooting in Webster's Xerox Federal Credit Union that left one employee dead. The crimes were committed by an individual posing as an FBI agent.

The Act makes it a federal crime to use the uniform or insignia of any public employee (federal, state, or local) in a misleading or deceptive way. The bill was passed by Congress in December of 2005, and was signed into law by President Bush last month.

"People trust police and federal officers to keep them safe. We have to deny criminals the ability to abuse that trust," Rep. Slaughter said. "It is my hope that out of this tragedy has come a law that will prevent this kind of terrible crime from ever claiming another victim or affecting another community."

- Binational Star Award Given to Rep. Slaughter for Her Work Promoting Local Economies and Tourism

This year witnessed the first annual Binational Tourism Summit in Niagara Falls. The event featured addresses from numerous Canadian and American officials working to improve and expand cross-border economic and tourist-based activities.

At the summit, Rep. Slaughter received the Binational Star Award. The award is given to those who have promoted binational cooperation and understanding, as well as economic and political partnerships, between the United States and Canada.

Last April, the Bush Administration announced that it intended to require all individuals to present a passport or alternative border ID card to re-enter the U.S. from Canada. Rep. Slaughter was the first Member of Congress to oppose the new burdensome requirement, arguing that it would close our borders to legitimate travel and trade with Canada.

Rep. Slaughter continues to work with groups like the Binational Tourism Alliance - headquartered in Niagara Falls - as well as regional and industry leaders to bring common-sense solutions to border security. Most recently, she invoked a Presidential Executive Order that requires an economic impact analysis of the passport/border ID card before it can go move forward. This approach is supported by the Travel Industry Association of America, the American Society of Travel Agents, and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and Niagara USA Chamber.

- Louise Launches Urgent Grant Alert Program

At a time when we are facing severe budget cuts at all levels of the government, it is critically important for local organizations to know about new streams of funding available through federal programs.

That is why Louise has initiated a new Urgent Grant Alert program that will provide constituents with the most up-to-date information on opportunities for federal funding. This email alert system will provide information on just-released grant announcements each month. Local organizations and agencies are urged to sign up for the Urgent Grant Alert program by e-mailing Rep. Slaughter's office at GrantsAlertsNY28@mail.house.gov. Please provide your e-mail address, phone number, mailing address, and the name of your grants contact person.

- SUNY Brockport Center Awarded Federal Funding in Support of Great Lakes Research and Cleanup Efforts

Rep. Slaughter recently joined the President of SUNY Brockport, Dr. John R. Halstead, and Dr. Joseph Makarewicz, the Director of Brockport's Environmental Science and Biology Department, to celebrate the University's planned Great Lakes Center.

The construction of this research and education center at the Port of Rochester will benefit from \$300,000 secured by Rep. Slaughter and Rep. Tom Reynolds. The Center, which will feature an aquarium, is intended for the study and protection of the resources of Lake Ontario. Rep. Slaughter serves as Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Task Force. "We owe it to ourselves and to future generations to save this national treasure," she said of the Center.

- Louise Announces \$836,000 for Canisius College

Louise recently announced \$836,000 in federal funding she secured to be used for both Canisius College and Buffalo's public transportation system. The funding, part of a larger \$8 million initiative focused on the Canisius Science Center, will be used for infrastructure improvements.

Besides benefiting Canisius' 5,000 students and over 1,000 faculty and staff, the project will also ease traffic and parking problems in the heart of Buffalo, and make neighboring bus and metro lines more accessible to travelers.

The Final Word

"The reason we've been effective is we've tried to change the culture of Washington, D.C. And do it legally and ethically."

- Recently indicted Rep. Tom DeLay explains to Time Magazine what he views as one of the Republican Party's major accomplishments. Several of DeLay's former top staffers, including Tony Rudy, his former Chief of Staff, and Michael Scanlon, his former press secretary, have also been indicted for a variety of crimes, and are each facing likely prison sentences.